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Dear Residents of Mattapoissett,

We trust everyone is doing their best to manage during these challenging and unprecedented times. As many of you know, over the last few days there has been an increase in activity surrounding the Town's response relative to Covid-19. Activities, school closures, access to buildings and services have been limited or restricted in accordance with Governor Baker's guidance on Sunday. At the present time, this will continue through April 6<sup>th</sup> as guidance currently suggests.

Over the past several days and as this continues to unfold, Town leadership continues to meet with public safety and public health officials regularly to remain apprised of changes and be fluid in our approach. The preparedness of the town and our ability to continue to provide essential services is being very well managed with credit to those departments for their continued diligence.

Departmental functions are being modified as needed to reduce unnecessary exposure to employees while still providing essential functions to maintain 'business-as-usual' as best they can. Even though this is uncharted territory, remote work functionality with several key departments and their staff is functioning well and will be utilized. Per the press release issued yesterday, email and phone calls can be utilized to handle the normal business with the Town, and we encourage you to leverage that as best you can.

Lastly, and most importantly, the recent restrictions on social gatherings and closures of dining/social, retail and service establishments are critical, but creates a substantial burden on the business owner and his/her employees. We have a phenomenal town with excellent establishments and services, but also excellent residents and patrons alike. Over the last day or so, there have been shifts in the business models of these small business owners overnight. The offerings for food take-out and other retails services offering pick-up/delivery have been amazing. Please consider (or continue) supporting these local businesses as they are as much a part of our Town's fabric as you and I. You can find establishments and their offerings online (Social Media and websites), or you can reach out to any of them by phone.

We will continue to provide guidance to any changes or further modifications through the Town's Website ([Mattapoissett.net](http://Mattapoissett.net)) and the Town's Facebook Page ([Mattapoissett Town Hall](https://www.facebook.com/MattapoissettTownHall)). There will be employees staffing Town Hall for the foreseeable future, so feel free to call 508-758-4100 during normal business hours. Public Safety and Public Health will continue to provide the excellent services to the public they are known for delivering and are prepared to handle inquiries and emergencies alike.

Best Regards,

Jordan Collyer, On Behalf of the Mattapoissett Board of Selectmen